



## COUNCIL REPORT

To: Paul Gipps, CAO

Date: January 24, 2023

From: Chris Oliver, Planning Supervisor

File No: P 23-02

Subject: **P 23-02, BC Transit – Operations and Maintenance Yard Update, Annual Performance Summary and Transit Service Review**

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### RECOMMENDATION

**THAT** Council consider and resolve to direct staff to prepare a letter of support for the grant application for a Kelowna Regional Transit System's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program for:

1. The Hardy Transit Centre to refurbish the facility and support the implementation of battery electric buses; and
2. The planning and design of the new Hollywood Transit Centre to complete the pre-implementation work necessary to further develop designs and cost estimates for a future funding application.

### STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

**Economic Growth and Prosperity** – We will work with our partners on the Westside and throughout the region to advocate for and support efforts aimed at helping West Kelowna businesses prosper. With a focus on the future, we will advance opportunities to expand our economy, increase employment, and develop the community in ways that contribute towards prosperity for all.

**Foster Safety and Well-Being** – We will pursue through direct action, advocacy, and partnerships with Westbank First Nation and local service providers, investments in community health, needs-based housing, emergency preparedness, policing, and other services that foster safety and well-being in West Kelowna.

### BACKGROUND

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 Council postponed discussion on an information report regarding the upcoming BC Transit - Transit Service Review (Attachment 1). The report includes some background information on the structure of transit service in the Kelowna Regional Transit System, key transit initiatives that have been completed or are underway and

discussion regarding alignment with the Official Community Plan and Transportation Master Plan.

## **DISCUSSION**

Following the meeting, it was identified that BC Transit had additional information and an imminent request for application support. Staff have worked with BC Transit to consolidate the various transit-related topics for Council at the January 24<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, where BC Transit will attend to present and answer questions. The three topics that will be discussed at the meeting include:

1. Hardy Road and Hollywood Transit Centre Updates

BC Transit has prepared a report providing background regarding the projects that Council has been asked to support through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (Attachment 2).

2. 2021/2022 Annual Performance Summary

Each year BC Transit provides an Annual Performance Summary. It is a key communication shared with local governments and provides a snapshot of transit investment and performance within our transit system. An overview of the summary will be presented to Council.

3. Transit Service Review

A service review is scheduled to begin in 2023, which will continue to shape how transit works in the Central Okanagan over the following three years (2024-27). This review will update transit service and infrastructure through analysis of ridership and recommendations generated by local governments across the region.

Transit service improvements and expansions typically will come from BC Transit service planning documents, but can also be driven by the local government, or the local government's strategic plans. The transit service review planned for 2023 will coincide with updates to the Official Community Plan and Transportation Master Plan, offering a unique opportunity to start on actions identified to improve mobility in the City. An introduction to the project will be presented to Council.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

See attached report (Attachment 1).

## COUNCIL REPORT / RESOLUTION HISTORY

Date	Report Topic / Resolution	Resolution No.
Aug. 23, 2022	<b>2023 Transit Service Review</b>	<b>C236/22</b>
	<b>THAT</b> Council defer the 2023 Transit Service Review to the next meeting.	

### CONCLUSION

As the OCP and TMP advance toward their final phases, the future direction for the City's land use and transportation systems will be established. Transit is a key component to both of these new plans, and the planned changes to infrastructure and the upcoming service review will be important components to ensuring the City can achieve the direction set in these plans.

### REVIEWED BY

Brent Magnan, Director of Development Services

Corinne Boback, Legislative Services Manager / Corporate Officer

### APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO

Powerpoint: Yes  No

### Attachments:

1. August 23, 2022 Council Report – 2023 Transit Service Review
2. Kelowna Regional Transit Operations and Maintenance Facility Report
3. 2021 and 2022 Annual Performance Summary